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1. DURING JULY 8TH MEETING ON ANOTHER MATTER, FOREIGN SECRETARY MINIC MADE DEMARCHE ON TERRORIST SITUATION IN U.S. CITING CABLES FROM YUGOSLAV UN MISSION AND REUTERS HE SAID IT APPEARED BOTH LOCAL AND FEDERAL JUDGES HAD ACCEPTED NIXON-DEFENSE LAWYER ST. CLAIR'S ARGUMENT THAT TERRORISTS' WOUNDING OF MEDIC WAS ACCIDENT AND ACT OF SELF-DEFENSE, AND THAT THEY DID NOT INTEND KIDNAP AMBASSADOR BUT HAD SAID THIS ONLY TO GET PUBLICITY. AS COURTS HAVE ACCEPTED THIS THESIS, THE TERRORISTS ARE NOW FREE ON BAIL. HE FEARED THIS ACTION WOULD HAVE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES. YUGOSLAV PUBLIC OPINION WOULD RECEIVE IT VERY BADLY. AND THIS ACT PLACES IN DOUBT THE SECURITY OF YUGOSLAV DIPLOMATIC STAFF IN U.S.

2. MINIC CONTINUED THAT ON ONE HAND GOY RECEIVES ASSURANCES FROM RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS INCLUDING SECRETARY VANCE THAT ENERGETIC MEASURES WILL BE TAKEN AGAINST TERRORISTS. ON OTHER HAND THEY SEE THAT WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENS SIMPLY SERVES TO STIMULATE
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ACTIVITIES OF THIS KIND. THE DECISION TO RELEASE TO FREEDOM MEN CAUGHT "IN FLAGRANTE" COMING TOGETHER WITH ATTACKS ON AMERICAN CITIZENS OF YUGOSLAV ORIGIN BADOVINAC AND LUKETIC AND THE SENATE'S DECISION TO BUILD A MONUMENT TO A TRAITOR WHO CAUSED SERIOUS DAMAGE HERE LEADS TO MOST SERIOUS CONCERN.

3. IT WILL BE RECEIVED PARTICULARLY BADLY HERE MINIC SAID, THAT DIFFERENT ACTION TAKEN AGAINST TERRORISTS WHEN AN AMERICAN PLANE HIJACKED AND AMERICAN POLICEMAN MURDERED AS AGAINST TREATMENT FOR ATTACKERS OF YUGOSLAV MISSION AND WOUNDING OF YUGOSLAV POLICEMEN. DO NOT INTEND TO INFLUENCE COURTS BUT MUST EXPRESS DEEP DISSATISFACTION WHEN QUITE OBVIOUS THAT ALL NECESSARY EVIDENCE IN THE HANDS OF THE COURT. NOT IN POSITION TO FORECAST REACTION OF PUBLIC BUT THERE WILL BE CONSTERNATION, PEOPLE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO BELIEVE IT.

4. AMBASSADOR PROMISED TO REPORT IMMEDIATELY MR. MINIC'S REMARKS. HE NOTED THAT BOTH STATE AND FEDERAL COURTS HAD SET HIGH BAIL AND THAT JUST BEFORE COMING TO MEETING WITH MINIC WE HAD SEEN REPORT THAT THE THREE TERRORISTS WERE UNABLE TO PAY THE BAIL. BUT HE ADDED WE DID NOT KNOW THE CURRENT SITUATION.

5. MINIC THEN ASSERTED THE "CIRCLES WHO STAND BEHIND THESE TERRORISTS HAVE PLENTY OF MONEY", THAT LAST YEAR WHEN EVEN HIGHER BAIL SET THE MONEY HAD BEEN GATHERED.

6. COMMENT. WHILE WE SHOULD OF COURSE CONTINUE TO ALLOW OUR JUDICIAL SYSTEM TO TREAT THESE TERRORIST CASES SOLELY AS CRIMINAL MATTER, MINIC'S REMARKS
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UNDERLINE ONCE AGAIN THAT GOY SEES THEM PRIMARILY IN POLITICAL LIGHT AS OF COURSE DO TERRORIST-INCLINED EMIGRES THEMSELVES. THUS STATEMENTS BY SENIOR USG OFFICIALS AND SPOKESMEN EXPLICITLY DEPLORING NOT JUST METHODS BUT SEPARATIST GOALS OF THESE TERRORISTS TAKE ON PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE AND MAY HELP DISCOURAGE FURTHER TERRORISM. STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT WHITE HOUSE OR STATE FPKKESMAN ISSUE STATMENT NOTING ALARMING RISE IN TERRORIST ACTIONS AGAINST BOTH AMERICAN AND YUGOSLAV CITIZENS AND SETTING FORTH EXPLICIT RECOMMITMENT TO UNIFIED COUNTRY OF THE SERBS, CROJRS AND SLOVENES WHICH US HAD SO PROMINENT A ROLE IN FOUNDING AND WHOSE INTEGRITY EVERY PRESIDENT SINCE HAS SUPPORTED.
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